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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed January 3, 2001, entry of the
following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-20, 44-48, 50, 51 and 53-56 to read as follows
(a marked-up copy of these claims is enclosed (37 C.F.R. §1.121)):

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1. (Twice Amended) A composition, comprising two biopolymers,
wherein:

the first biopolymer is linked to an insoluble support by a reversible
linkage; and

the second biopolymer is linked to the first biopolymer by a reversible
linkage.

2. (Twice Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the two
biopolymers are comprised of nucleic acids.

3. (Twice Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the two
biopolymers are comprised of polypeptides.